TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE ON AUGUST 21: H.R.H. PRINCESS MARGARET, TO WHOM WE EXTEND OUR AFFECTIONATE AND RESPECTFUL GREETINGS.

Princess Margaret, younger daughter of the King and Queen, will be twenty-one years of age on Tuesday next, August 21, and we, in common with all the King's subjects, offer her our affectionate greetings and congratulations. She follows the splendid tradition of devotion to duty set by our Royal family, and her charming personality has made her one of the best-loved of Royal ladies. She is Commandant-in-Chief of St. John Ambulance Brigade (Ambulance and Nursing Cadets), President of Dr. Barnardo's Homes, of the Scottish Children's League and of other institutions for child welfare, a subject which interests her deeply. But though so many public duties fall to her lot, Princess Margaret has all the buoyant gaiety and power of enjoyment proper to her age. She loves dancing, the theatre, riding and swimming, and many social gatherings in London and elsewhere are honoured by the radiant presence of a Princess who is the national personification of happy and beautiful British girlhood.

From a Colour Photograph by Baron.

HAPPY CHILDHOOD; A GROUP TAKEN IN 1936 OUTSIDE THE LITTLE WELSH HOUSE PRESENTED TO PRINCESS ELIZABETH IN 1932: PRINCESS MARGARET WITH THE KING (THEN DUKE OF YORK), IN FRONT; THE QUEEN (THEN DUCHESS OF YORK) AT THE WINDOW, AND PRINCESS ELIZABETH, STANDING.
From a Photograph by Studio Lisa.

THE ROYAL SCHOOLGIRLS AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE IN 1942: PRINCESS MARGARET (LEFT) AND HER ELDER SISTER, PRINCESS ELIZABETH, IMMERSED IN A BOOK.

A ROYAL FAMILY GROUP TAKEN IN 1940: PRINCESS ELIZABETH, PRINCESS MARGARET (CENTRE), AND H.M. THE QUEEN AT ROYAL LODGE. *Photograph by Studio Lisa.*

PRINCESS MARGARET'S HAPPY CHILDHOOD: THE YOUNGER DAUGHTER OF THE KING AND QUEEN, IN HER NURSERY AND SCHOOLROOM DAYS.

Princess Margaret, younger daughter of their Majesties, was born on August 21, 1930, at Glamis Castle, the home of her maternal grandfather, the fourteenth Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne, and thus attains the age of twenty-one on Tuesday next. All the King's subjects, at home and abroad, and thousands of people in America and other foreign countries, will join in wishing her Royal Highness all that is best; for she has already established herself as a beloved public figure. She made her first speech in 1944, when a schoolgirl, at the Princess Margaret Rose School, Windsor, and is now an experienced and accomplished speaker.

A ROYAL LEADER OF FASHION FOR YOUTH: PRINCESS MARGARET, YOUNGER DAUGHTER OF THEIR MAJESTIES THE KING AND QUEEN.

Princess Margaret, who attains her majority on August 21, has already had wide experience in carrying out those many public engagements which her Royal birth entails, for she began her official life when still in her teens. She has also travelled considerably, for she accompanied the King and Queen on their South African tour of 1947, and she carried out her first official visit abroad alone in 1948, when she attended on behalf of the King the inauguration of Queen Juliana of the Netherlands. In May, 1949, she paid her first visit to Italy, on holiday, and also went to Paris. Wherever Princess Margaret goes, her taste in dress is admired. Our portrait shows her in a full-skirted evening dress embroidered with butterflies in sequins in which she sat to Cecil Beaton for this natural-colour photograph when she was nineteen.

PRINCESS MARGARET GROWS UP: A PICTORIAL RECORD FROM BABYHOOD TO THE AGE OF 17.

JUNE, 1931 : THE CHUBBY BABY OF TEN MONTHS.

THE FIRST PORTRAIT : PRINCESS MARGARET IN INFANCY.

TWO YEARS OF AGE : THE LIVELY, INQUIRING CHILD.

THE LITTLE GIRL OF FOUR : IN NOVEMBER, 1934.

MARCH, 1939 : THE SCHOOLGIRL OF EIGHT YEARS OF AGE.

MARCH, 1941 : PRINCESS MARGARET AGED 10

AS A GIRL GUIDE : PRINCESS MARGARET IN 1943.

GROWING UP IN MAY, 1946 : THE PRINCESS AGED FIFTEEN.

A BRIDESMAID TO PRINCESS ELIZABETH IN 1947.

On this page we give a charming pictorial record of how Princess Margaret, who will be twenty-one on August 21, grew up. Everyone knows the appearance of the gracious and beautiful younger daughter of their Majesties as she is to-day, but the younger generation may never have seen portraits of her as a chubby baby and a lively and inquiring schoolgirl ; and will be interested to compare the child of yesterday with the Royal lady of to-day. Our portrait of the Princess at the age of seventeen shows her in the dress she wore when she acted as bridesmaid to her elder sister, Princess Elizabeth, at her marriage on November 20, 1947, to Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

Photographs by Marcus Adams, Speaight, Hon. M. W. Elphinstone and Dorothy Wilding.